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SUBJ: SIERRA LEONE ASYLUM APPLICANT

REF: STATE 175933

1. AS A RESULT OF MAY 1977 ELECTIONS, SIERRA LEONE PEOPLES PARTY WON 15 OUT OF 85 ELECTIVE SEATS IN PARLIAMENT, WITH EIGHT SEATS STILL UNDECIDED. SLPP IS ONE OF TWO PARTIES IN PARLIAMENT. CURRENTLY THREE SLPP MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ARE UNDER DETENTION ON CRIMINAL CHARGES (INCLUDING MURDER). HOWEVER, THE OTHER TWELVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATE FULLY IN LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS. IT APPEARS THAT THE THREE DETAINED MEMBERS, CHARLES MARGAI, DAVID VANDI AND MR. GBOMBU, WILL BE TRIED ACCORDING TO SIERRA LEONE LAW AND THAT DUE PROCESS WILL BE OBSERVED.

2. MEMBERS OF THE SLPP CONTINUE TO LIVE AND WORK NORMALLY IN SIERRA LEONE. MEMBERSHIP, BU ITSELF, DOES NOT RESULT IN PERSECUTION. THE SLPP NEWSPAPER, "THE PEOPLE," IS PUBLISHED REGULARLY AND SOLD OPENLY.

3. IN THE OPINION OF THE EMBASSY, GRANTING OF POLITICAL ASYLUM TO SIERRA LEONEANS IN THE U.S. IS NOT JUSTIFIED MERELY
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ON THE BASIS OF THE TURMOIL SURROUNDING THE MAY 1977 ELECTIONS. THE MAY ELECTIONS DID NOT RESULT IN THE EXILE OF ANY GROUP OF SIERRA LEONEANS. THE COUNTRY IS NOW CALM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SIERRA LEONEANS RESIDING IN THE U.S. MAY HAVE RECEIVED INCOMPLETE, EXAGGERATED OR INACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE EVENTS IN SIERRA LEONE.
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